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Subject: RE: PBS Guidance and Farm Bill

Before the holiday, Danielle described the DOJ comments as "minor and editorial" and didn't think they had issues. They just generally provide oral comments in either case.

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I have not heard anything about a USDA request to drop this draft guidance. Previously the thought was that whatever comments we get on the draft might help inform any report they have to do without requiring them to solicit comments to get early input on the issues our guidance raises.

I will check with Nancy (or the new AA), and Melissa and I will let you know what we find out. In the meantime, this is at OMB and we need to continue to work on it because there is a 90 day clock that will force us to do something. That date was 2/9, but OMB is taking out the furlough days (they were shutdown before us).

Once we know anything, Melissa or I will let folks know.

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Hi all –

Since we last worked on this guidance document, Congress passed the Farm Bill. The Farm Bill includes a description of PBS and requires USDA to submit a report to Congress on PBS.

We will need to edit the guidance document to reflect the final Farm Bill (the draft currently discusses the "proposed" Farm Bill).

But, also, OGC has heard that USDA may want EPA to pull back from this guidance document and coordinate with them, in light of the language in the Farm Bill. Does anyone know anything about this?

Also, Melissa/Angela: Do you know anything about the DOJ comments that are coming?

Thanks.

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Hi all,

Welcome back.

Here's where we left off on biostimulants:

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Are folks o.k. with OMB's proposed revisions to D. What are the Potential Economic Impacts of Taking this Action? Comment [A2].

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The Guidance document still needs work.

Please review and provide your comments on the FR document and guidance document.

We'll need to get our responses back to OMB.

I'll check with Danielle about USDA's comments and rescheduling the DOJ call.

Thanks!

-Melissa